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UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)

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First Named Inventor: THOMAS C THOMPSON Art Unit:

Application Number: 09/396,128

Examiner: HAW TRAN

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Title: FREEZE PLATE

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- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay.

1. Petition fee

☒ Small entity - fee \$ 55.00 (37 CFR 1.17(l)). Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

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☒ is enclosed herewith.

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

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Sir:

In response to the telephone conversation with Steven N. Meyers about the Withdrawal on the Holding of Abandonment, mailed 04/27/04, I have included in this response the following:

1. Request to revive application 09/396,128 because delay was unavoidable.
2. Certificate of mailing.
3. Form PTO/SB61.
4. Check for \$55.

Very respectfully,

Thomas C. Thompson

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RESPONSE

1. I am the applicant in the above application (09/396,128). The delay was unavoidable.
2. The abandonment action started with the applicant's 10/26/02 response to the examiner's 06/26/02 Office Action. In Examiner Tran's Office Action, mailed 06/26/02, the examiner canceled claims 1-19 and renumbered the new claims as 20-39, under Rule 126.
3. On the applicant's response, mailed 10/26/02, the applicant respectfully requested renumbering of the claims on the cover page and again on page 2. All of the examiner's rejections were responded to on the applicant's amended claims. The applicant had to use the old numbered claims to respond to each rejection since the examiner had used the old claim numbers in the rejections. The applicant's clean copy of the claims (pages 15-18) were numbered, as per the examiner's request, as claims 20-39. Twenty claims, including two independent claims.
4. From April 1, 2002 through August 12, 2002, the pro se applicant received 15 different Office Actions on his following applications that needed responses:

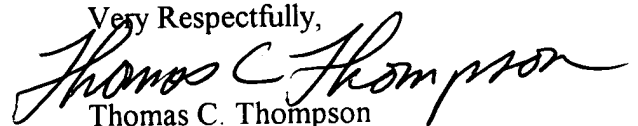
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	09/710,116		04/09/02
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	09/810,751		04/16/02
	09/690,657		04/23/02
	09/958,267		05/24/02
	09/945,283		06/19/02
	09/516,655		06/25/02
	09/396,128		06/26/02
	09/710,116		06/27/02
	09/794,931		07/02/02
	09/887,046		07/05/02
	09/793,852		08/08/02
	09//690,657		08/12/02

5. There were other Office Actions before and after, but the applicant had a hard time answering each and had to request a one month extension to answer the 09/396,128 Office Action mailed 06/26/02. A check for \$55 was included in the response.
6. The applicant took a business and vacation trip to the Philippines after all the responses were sent. The neighbor would mail out any new Office Actions to the applicant. An

Office Communication mailed 11/21/02, by Clerk of Group G. Johnson, stated that \$114 was due for excess claims. This communication was received by the applicant in the Philippines a month after it was mailed.

7. The applicant knew that the clerk had made a mistake, since there were only 20 claims in the 10/26/02 response. The applicant was able to type out a two page response about the PTO's error, but could not find a working, public fax machine to sent it to the PTO.
8. The applicant found an Internet Café, where he was able to e-mail his response to his brother in Colorado. The applicant's brother was able to fax the two page document via a computer fax program to the PTO.
9. The applicant had done everything in his power to explain the PTO's error, but the PTO would not accept the 12/26/02 fax, since the received copy was not signed by the applicant, even though the original was signed.
10. If the PTO had not miscounted the number of claims submitted in the applicant's 10/26/02 response, there would not have been any need for an Office Communication, no need for the applicant to hunt around the Philippines for a working public fax machine, nor any delay.
11. The applicant had assumed that the examiner would understand that the 10/26/02 response had the amended claims with the examiner's remarks addressed, and the clean copy of the claims with the claims renumbered as per the examiner's direction. The clerk unintentionally miscounted the amended claims and the clean copy of the claims.
12. The applicant respectfully requests that application 09/396,128 be revived because the delay was unavoidable and caused by an error at the PTO. Since the applicant's 10/26/02 response was proper, sent in with the correct amount of fees, only 20 claims, and in good faith, the applicant respectfully requests that the examiner continue processing the applicant's 10/26/02 response.

Very Respectfully,



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